Taking over the computerisation system from Computer Maintenance Corporation Ltd.

1215. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal for taking over the task of comupterisation of the railway passenger reservation system from the public sector Computer Maintenance Corporation Ltd.;

(b) whether CMC is able to handle the present computerisation requirements of the Railways and also meet its future requirements; and

(c) if so, the precise advantages likely to accrue to the Railways in taking over the work from the CMC and at what cost?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH): (a) to (c) CMC are maintaining the four Passenger Reservation Systems at Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta and Madras. At the fifh location, viz., Secunderabad, hardware is being maintained by ECIL, a Public Sector undertaking and software by CRIS (Centre for Railway Information Systems). Though CMC are capable of handling the Railways requirements with respect to the passenger reservation system, as a long term policy, Railways would like to have 'In house' maintenance of software which provides greater flexibility in carrying out modifications to software and is also likely to be more economical.

Supply of Drinking Water in Villages

1216. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of villages which do not have assured source of drinking water out of about 6,00,000 villages in the country State-wise;

(b) by when all the villages would have this facility year-wise progress; and

(c) whether any proposal to accelerate the pace of drinking water supply schemes during the Eighth Five Year Plan period has been contemplated; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA): (a) A Statement is enclosed at Annexure. [*See* Appendix CLV, Annexure No. 41]

(b) As per the Action Plan for coverage of problem villages during 1990-91 out of the remaining 8439 problem villages, 5295 villages will be covered by 31st March, 1991. Balance 3144 villages are likely to be covered during 1991-92.

(c) 8439 problem villages in 19 States have spilled over to Eighth Plan Subject to availability of funds, the rest of the problem villages would be covered within next two years. The priorities to be followed in the VIIIth Plan for supply of drinking water would be—

(i) To cover the spill over problem villages.

(ii) Augmentation works in the partially covered vi llages.

(iii) To cover villages where the quality of water is leading towards health hazards and

(iv) Rejuventation/replacement of water sources which were established perior to 8th Plan.

Draft Farm Policy

1217. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA:
SHRI JAGESH DESAI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had recently released the draft of Agriculture policy;